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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (without a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)) after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is being remitted.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office (Japanese Notifications of Reasons for Refusal dated May 26, 2009, June

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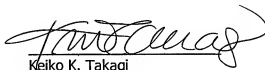
Additionally, Applicant submits herewith computer-generated English language translations for JP 11-228994, JP 7-41737, JP 2001-264975, JP 2002-249749, JP 7-142440, JP 8-115896, and JP 7-236863. Furthermore, Applicant notes that JP 2003-68810 corresponds to US 6,741,086 and JP 7-236863 corresponds to EP 0 658 828.

Applicant notes that the following references, cited in the Japanese Notifications of Reasons for Refusal enclosed within, have been previously submitted to the USPTO in Information Disclosure Statements: JP 2003-115521 and JP 10-154686 were submitted on August 19, 2003 and JP 8-115897 was submitted on December 15, 2006.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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